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AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has implemented various agricultural schemes for the development of agriculture in various States including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such schemes and the amount incurred thereon during the 11th Five Year Plan and the amount likely to be incurred during the 12th Five Year Plan period;

(d) the details of the targets set and achieved under these schemes; and

(e) whether these schemes have proved a failure due to floods and droughts in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is currently implementing a number of schemes for the development of agriculture in the country, including the State of Jharkhand. Government has decided, in principle, to restructure these schemes into five Missions, five Centrally Sponsored Schemes and one State Plan Scheme in order to have more focused approach.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs.61,527.90 crore was allocated for all schemes (around 50) during XI Five Year Plan period viz.2007-12. An expenditure of Rs.61,065.28 crore was, however, incurred during the said period.

For the XII Five Year Plan Period (2012-17), an outlay of Rs.1,34,746 crore has been approved. Rs.17,868.32 crore and Rs.21,609 crore have been provided during the years 2012-13 and 2013-14, respectively. Actual expenditure incurred during the year 2012-13 was Rs.17,730.72 crore. During 2013-14 and expenditure of Rs.13000 crore (approximately) has been incurred so far.

For the XI Plan period, a target of additional food-grain production of 25 million tonnes was fixed. The achievement has surpassed the target. For the XII Plan period again a target of additional food-grain production of 25 million tonnes has been fixed. The target of agriculture growth rate fixed for XI Plan period was 4%. However, the achievement has been 3.64%. For XII Plan period, a target of 4% growth in agriculture sector has been fixed.

(e): No, Madam. The schemes have been very successful in increasing the food-grain production. During 2011-12, the food-grain production was 259.32 million tonnes, which was a record production. During 2012-13, the food-grain production has been 255.36 million tonnes despite drought in some parts of the country. Despite natural calamities like flood, cyclone in some parts of the country, the food-grain production during 2013-14 is targeted at 259 million tonnes.